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Caroline County, VA



November 28, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket 11-65/AT&T's proposal to merge with T-Mobile

Dear Commissioners:

Caroline County, Virginia is, like many rural communities, in need of high speed internet access for our citizens. Efficient internet access is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century equivalent to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's rural electrification: the basis for employment, investment and economic growth. Also like many rural communities without sufficient internet access, the existing market place and providers will not invest to bring service to our citizens.

Therefore, we are writing today to urge you to support AT&T's proposal to merge with T-Mobile. It would boost our community's economic development and spur growth. The most important element in today's economy is the need for more job creation, and we are encouraged that this acquisition would bring 5,000 jobs back to the U.S., with the potential of thousands more to be created. We are also excited by the merger's potential to dramatically increase the access to wireless broadband and its promise to deliver top-speed 4G LTE technology to our community and businesses.

AT&T's merger with T-Mobile will bring high speed internet service to 97% of America by 2014. If there was one decision that the Federal Communication Commission can make to enhance America's economy, create access equity for rural communities and swing wide the information

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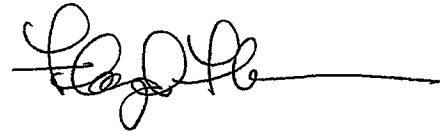
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door for our citizens, supporting the AT&T/T-Mobile merger will be that decision.

We hope this pending transaction will be approved so that Caroline County can capitalize on the economic activity and business development that so often accompanies technological advances. I encourage you to grant your approval of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Thomas', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Floyd Thomas  
Chairman, Caroline County  
Board of Supervisors